Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1823.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At an Annual Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Newburyport, on Tuesday, September 9th, A. L. 5823.

PRESENT:

M.E. JONATHAN GAGE, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. PAUL DEAN, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" DANIEL BAXTER, . .	Grand King.
" ROBERT LASH, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. and E. EZEKIEL L. BASCOM,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Stewards.
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr.,	
" JOHN SCOTT,	
" JOSEPH T. PIKE,	
" S. H. HODGE, . .	Grand Inside Sentinel.
" JOSEPH CURRIER, . .	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers, viz:

E. NATH'L KNAPP,	E. JAMES MORSS,
" JOSHUA GREENLEAF,	" WILLIAM WOART,
" GILMAN WHITE,	" STEPHEN HOWARD,

E. OLIVER PRESCOTT.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, St. John's, Washington, Adoniram, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, and Thomas.

Opened in ample form, and several visiters were admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and accepted, and E. Comps. Paul Dean, Robert Lash, and Abraham A. Dame, were appointed a Committee to write to Franklin Chapter as therein recommended, viz:

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

The Committee of Finance, in pursuance of the duty assigned them, have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them in good order, rightly cast, and properly avouched.

The Grand Treasurer debits himself as follows:

Balance of old account, ...	$913 44
Cash received of St. Andrew's Chapter, .	77 00
" " King Cyrus, . . .	18 00
" " Washington, . . .	33 00
" " Morning Star, . . .	13 50
" " Rising Sun, . . .	27 00
" " St. Paul's, . . .	132 00
" " St. John's, . . .	14 00
" " King Solomon's, . .	19 00
" " Adoniram, . . .	19 50
" " Mount Zion, . . .	39 00
" " King Hiram's, . .	64 00
	$1369 44
He credits himself with cash paid, . .	460 50
Balance on hand due the Grand Chapter,	$908 94

Thus it appears that all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, have made regular returns up to September, 1822, inclusive, except Franklin Chapter, at Greenfield, from which no communication has been received, except that the sum of $111 has been heretofore paid, and credited them in the Grand Treasurer's account, as stated in the last report. The Grand Chapter appointed a Committee to communicate with Franklin Chapter—said Committee has written to them, but has never received an answer. Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that the members of Franklin Chapter have treated this Grand Chapter with the most pointed disrespect, and unless they can give a satistactory excuse to the Grand Chapter, their Charter ought to be immediately resumed; and they recommend that a Committee be appointed to express this as a sentiment of this Grand Chapter, in a letter to said Franklin Chapter, in Greenfield, requesting them to assign the reasons for not complying with the Constitution.

On reviewing the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's books and accounts, your Committee are highly gratified with the manner in which the services of those faithful officers have been performed, and would cheerfully recommend a handsome compensation therefor, if consistent with the finances of the Grand Chapter. The Grand Treasurer however, as usual, declines any, and merits the thanks of his companions; and your Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed and paid fifty dollars, for his services the year past.

In behalf of the Committee,

ROBERT LASH.

Boston, Sept. 9, 1823.

The following report was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee appointed to report on the 14th article of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of this Commonwealth, having considered the subject, respectfully suggest that from the present construction of said article, many inconveniences occur to brethren desirous of being exalted, and also to the respective Chapters where they may offer themselves as candidates, particularly with

regard to those in the Metropolis. The term "near" any town, is not sufficiently definite; and indeed, if it were, it might not be expedient to make any limitation, except to the town where a Chapter is holden, for a candidate may be much better known in a distant place, than in the very next town to that in which he resides; although this could hardly be the case with respect to the place in which he actually dwells. It is fairly presumed that every Chapter will make a proper investigation of character before admittance. With these considerations, the Committee would recommend that said 14th article be so altered and amended, as to read thus:

"No candidate residing in any town where a Chapter is holden under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted in any other Chapter within this jurisdiction, without a recommendation from nine members of the Chapter in the place where said candidate does reside, of whom the High Priest, King and Scribe shall be three."

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, ROBERT LASH, JOHN HOWE, D. L. GIBBENS, } *Committee.*

Boston, Aug. 27, 1823.

The Committee on diplomas have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to report, that they have caused the design adopted by the Grand Chapter, to be engraved, and several impressions thereof to be made on paper and parchment. The whole expense is $586.45, and they are now ready for delivery.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Per order, PAUL DEAN.

Newburyport, Sept. 9, 1823.

Read and accepted.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to charge the sum of fifty cents for each diploma on parchment, that he shall deliver to the Subordinate Chapters, and that he credit the Grand Chapter with the amount.

On motion, *Voted*, That the sum of $60 be appropriated by this Grand Chapter, for the purposes of charity for the year ensuing, and that E. Comps. Michael Roulstone, Henry Purkett, and Daniel Baxter, Jr., be a Committee to unite with the general Charity Committee in the city of Boston, in the distribution of this sum.

The time having arrived for the choice of officers, the Grand Chapter resolved themselves into a committee of the whole—E. Comp. Joshua Greenleaf, in the chair. Comps. Robert Lash, Daniel Baxter, Jr., and Michael Roulstone, were appointed a Committee to collect, count and declare the votes.

E. Comp. Caleb Butler, Grand King, E. Comp. Daniel Baxter, Grand Scribe, and E. Comp. Thomas P. Jackson, Grand Treasurer, severally declined being considered candidates for any office in the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

The ballots were then taken for Grand High Priest, and M.E. and Rev. PAUL DEAN was declared to be unanimously elected to that office, and being informed thereof by a Committee, consisting of E. Comps. Morss, Clarke, Woart, Howard, and Robinson, he accepted, and was introduced in usual form.

The remaining elective officers were then ballotted for, and the following companions were elected, viz:

E. Comp. HENRY WHIPPLE of Salem,	Grand King.
" " DAN'L L. GIBBENS of Boston,	Grand Scribe.
" " ABRAHAM A. DAME of Boston,	Grand Treasurer.
" " JOHN J. LORING of Boston,	Grand Secretary.

The committee then rose and reported the foregoing elections, which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

M.E. and Rev. Paul Dean was installed into the office of Grand High Priest by M.E. Jonathan Gage.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.E. Comp. Jonathan Gage, for his very valuable and acceptable services as Grand High Priest for the three years last past.

E. Comps. Gibbens, Dame, and Loring, were installed into their several offices, by the M.E. Grand High Priest.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to E. Comps. Caleb Butler and Daniel Baxter, for their services the year past in the offices severally sustained by them.

On motion, *Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to E. Comp. Thomas P. Jackson, for his eminently acceptable and gratuitous services as Grand Treasurer for several years past, and that a Committee be appointed to procure and present to him a piece of silver plate, as a token of our entire approbation of his conduct in said office. E. Comps. J. J. Loring, Robert Lash, and Daniel Baxter, Jr., were appointed a Committee to carry the above vote into effect, and were authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for funds for that purpose.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, be a Committee to confer with the General Grand Secretary of the United States, on the subject of a uniform key to the R. A. characters.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were presented to M.E. Comp. Joshua Greenleaf, for his services this day as chairman of the Committee of the whole, and to the Committee for collecting votes, &c.

Rev. and E. Ezekiel L. Bascom, James Morss, James Sabine, and Benjamin Huntoon, were appointed Grand Chaplains for the ensuing year; the three first being present, were installed into office by the M.E. Grand High Priest.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

The following are the officers of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, viz:

M.E. and Rev. PAUL DEAN,	Grand High Priest.
E. Comp. AUGUSTUS PEABODY,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" " HENRY WHIPPLE,	Grand King.
" " DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand Scribe.
" " ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" " JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. and E. EZEKIEL L. BASCOM,	Grand Chaplains.
" " JAMES MORSS,	
" " JAMES SABINE,	
" " BENJ. HUNTOON,	
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr.,	Grand Stewards.
" JONATHAN JEWETT,	
" JOHN SCOTT,	
" JOSEPH T. PIKE,	
" STEPHEN S. HODGE,	Grand Inside Sentinel,
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.
" JOSEPH CURRIER,	" "

REGULAR COMMUNICATION.

At a Regular Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 9, A. L. 5823.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. PAUL DEAN,	Grand High Priest.
E. AUGUSTUS PEABODY,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" HENRY WHIPPLE,	Grand King.
" DANIEL L. GIBBENS,	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. and E. JAMES SABINE, Rev. " BENJ. HUNTOON,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE.	Grand Marshal.
" DANIEL BAXTER, Jr.,	Grand Steward.
" WM. EATON,	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.

E. HENRY PURKETT, SAMUEL L. KNAPP,
DANIEL BAXTER, JOHN ABBOT,
CALEB BUTLER.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, St. John's, King Solomon's, Washington, Adoniram, Franklin, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, and Thomas.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last Communication were read and approved.

The Committtee appointed by the Grand Chapter at the last Communication, to correspond with Franklin Chapter, at Greenfield, and to report to this Grand Chapter, the actual condition of said Franklin Chapter, ask leave to report, that having no conven-

ient opportunity to perform the duty assigned them, until the evening of the present meeting of this Grand Chapter, and the said Chapter being now represented, your Committee consider that it is not necessary for them to take any measures relative to the same, they therefore request that they may be discharged therefrom.

All which is respectfully submitted by

A. A. DAME, per order.

Read, accepted, and the Committee discharged.

On motion, *Voted*, that a Committee be raised to take into consideration the subject of complaint against Franklin Chapter, at Greenfield. Comps. Samuel L. Knapp, Richard S. Spofford, and Henry Purkett, were appointed said Committee, and instructed forthwith to proceed and report as soon as convenient.

The M.E. Grand High Priest then proceeded to install E. Comp. Henry Whipple as Grand King, and Rev. Benjamin Huntoon as Grand Chaplain.

The following appointments were announced by the Grand Marshal, by direction of the Grand High Priest:

E. Comp.	AUGUSTUS PEABODY,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" "	MICHAEL ROULSTONE,	Grand Marshal.
" "	DANIEL BAXTER, Jr.,	Grand Stewards.
" "	JONATHAN JEWETT,	
" "	JOHN SCOTT,	
" "	JOSEPH T. PIKE,	
" "	STEPHEN S. HODGE,	Grand Inside Sentinel.
" "	JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tylers.
" "	JOSEPH CURRIER,	
" "	HENRY FOWLE,	Grand Lecturer.

The above named companions were installed into their respective offices by the M.E. Grand High Priest, and the usual proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal.

Comp. Samuel L. Knapp, as chairman of the Committee on Franklin Chapter, read the following report, which was accepted, viz:

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of complaint against Franklin Chapter, and the defence of said Chapter, ask leave to report, that the complaints have arisen from various causes, viz: accident in the irregularity of the mails, misunderstanding respecting a former return, change of Secretary in said Franklin Chapter, and neglect of the proper officer in not making regular returns for several years; but as Franklin Chapter appears to be under the auspices and direction of such companions as will at the present time meet all dues, and as they have made a return embracing former periods, your Committee recommend that the subject now subside and no further consideration be had thereon, trusting that the said Chapter will in future be emulous to be among the first to fulfil every masonic duty.

Signed, SAMUEL L. KNAPP, R. S. SPOFFORD, HENRY PURKETT, *Committee.*

A communication from King Solomon's Chapter was read, and after discussion, it was *Voted*, That they have leave to withdraw said communication.

On motion, *Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to propose any alteration in the Regulations of this Grand Chapter that they may think expedient, and to incorporate all Standing Rules they find on the records, and to report to this Grand Chapter.

E. Comps. John Abbot, Henry Whipple, Thomas Tolman, A. A. Dame, and Augustus Peabody, were appointed the Committee to carry the above vote into effect.

Comps. Michael Roulstone, Daniel Baxter, Jr., and A. A. Dame, were appointed a Committee to procure such regalia, etc., as they find necessary for the use of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee to present a piece of silver plate to the late Grand Treasurer, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

A communication from a convocation of High Priests, stating that they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. Comp. John R. Bradford, High Priest of St. Andrew's Chapter in Boston, and M.E. and Rev. Comp. Amos Clark, High Priest of Washington Chapter at Salem, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were recited, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 8th, A. L. 5824.

PRESENT:

M.E. Rev. PAUL DEAN, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. AUGUSTUS PEABODY, .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" HENRY WHIPPLE, . .	Grand King.
" DANIEL L. GIBBENS, .	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. MICHAEL ROULSTONE, .	Grand Marshal.
" JONATHAN JEWETT, .	Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Past Officers.

M.E. HENRY FOWLE, M.E. CALEB BUTLER.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, King Hiram's, Franklin, St. Paul's, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and several visiters admitted by vote.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee for revising the Constitution, &c., of this Grand Chapter, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The Committee on regalia, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

A communication from a convocation of High Priests, stating that they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. Comps. Augustus Peabody and Thomas Tolman, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Voted, That Comps. M. Roulstone, A. A. Dame, and Henry Fowle, be a Committee to provide a dinner for the officers of the Grand Chapter, and the representatives of Subordinate Chapters, at the annual Communication in September next.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had granted a warrant dated September 18, 1823, to the companions at Worcester, to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, as authorized by vote in June last, they having produced the required approbation.

On motion, *Voted*, That the dispensation granted to Worcester Chapter, which will expire in September next, be extended to the Communication of this Grand Chapter in December next.

Voted, That E. Comps. A. Peabody, H. Fowle, and D. L. Gibbens, be a Committee to take into consideration the propriety of abolishing refreshments at the quarterly Communications of this Grand Chapter.

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

The Committee appointed at the annual meeting in Newburyport, September 9, 1823, to procure and present to Comp. Thomas P. Jackson, Past Grand Treasurer, a piece of Silver Plate as a token of the high sense entertained by this Grand Chapter of his valuable services while in said office, respectfully report: that agreeably to said appointment they attended to the duty assigned them, by procuring a silver pitcher of the value of eighty dollars, which they presented to Comp. Jackson, for which expression of the esteem of the Grand Chapter he evinced his very grateful thanks.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

ROBERT LASH,
J. J. LORING,
DANIEL BAXTER, } *Committee.*

Read and accepted.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were in part given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S, Boston,	*Established previously*	
KING CYRUS, Newburyport,	*to the Grand Chapter.*	
ST. JOHN'S, Groton,	Charter dated	5803
KING SOLOMON'S, Charlton,	do.	5805
WASHINGTON, Salem,	do.	5811
KING HIRAM'S, Greenwich,	do.	5815
ADONIRAM, Attleborough,	do.	5816
MORNING STAR, Springfield,	do.	5817
FRANKLIN, Greenfield,	do.	5817
RISING SUN, Nantucket,	do.	5818
ST. PAUL'S, Boston,	do.	5818
MOUNT ZION, Stoughton,	do.	5820
THOMAS, Princeton,	do.	5821
WORCESTER, Worcester,	do.	5823

Communications to the Grand Chapter, may be directed to JOHN J. LORING, Grand Secretary, Boston.